

COULDS COUSIN TRIES SUICIDE

Reid Northrop, Whose Brother
Sandford Killed Himself in St.
Louis a Year Ago, Attempts
to Take His Life in Buffalo.

WIFE AND CHILDREN IN
THE HOUSE AT THE TIME.

Failure to Make Success of
Business Which George Gould
Backed the Cause in Both In-
stances, but Reid Will Live.

George Gould received a telegram to-
day stating that his cousin and the fa-
vorite nephew of his father, Reid North-
rop, of St. Louis, had attempted sui-
cide in the Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, by
shootings himself. The bullet inflicted
merely a superficial wound. Northrop
was sleeping at the hotel with his wife
and two children at the time.

The news was a great shock to Mr.
Gould, as only last June Sandford North-
rop, a brother of Reid, committed sui-
cide in St. Louis by blowing out his
brain. The cause of the tragedy of
yesterday was the failure of the young
man to make a success of the American
Refrigerator Transit Company, in spite of
the generous help he received from
the Goulds. Finally George Gould be-
came discouraged at the way the young
man was running the business and
turned it over to the control of the Mis-
souri Pacific and Wabash railroads.

This change took place last spring.
Sandford Northrop, who was thirty-
five years old, was general manager of
the Refrigerator Co., and Reid North-
rop was president. Both were exceed-
ingly well known in the best society
in the West and also in New York
and were popular.

The First Suicide.

At the time Sandford Northrop com-
mitted suicide his brother Reid was
abroad with his family. He hurried
back to St. Louis and found his
brother and his own affairs in a bad
state, although he had large
business independent of their interest
in the Refrigerator Transit Co.

Reid Northrop had resigned his post
as president of the company before go-
ing abroad. The loss of this important
position came as a terrible blow to
both brothers. Ever since they were
boys together there had been a strong
friendship between the Gould boys and
the Northrops. Jay Gould was extreme-
ly fond of both Reid and Sandford
Northrop, and remembered them in his
will with handsome legacies.

When they grew to manhood, how-
ever, both boys showed a tendency to
be gay, although there was never any
extraneous extravagance in their ap-
pearance, such as would attract atten-
tion. They both lived well and entertained a great
deal. By some it was said that not-
withstanding their wealth they were
living beyond their means.

When the news of their extravagance
was brought to George Gould he sent
for his cousin and urged them kindly
to adopt a more conservative mode of
life, as the public knowledge of their ex-
travagance might injure the company.
That they did not act upon his advice
would appear from the fact that the
control of the company was taken out
of their hands and turned over to other
Gould interests.

Wife Had Left Sandford.

Shortly after he lost his place in the
Refrigerator Company, Sandford North-
rop's wife left him and went to live
in Philadelphia. It was not known at
the time that they were in any estran-
gement between them. Later Mrs. North-
rop came to New York to visit Helen
Gould. She was in New York when she
received word that her husband had
committed suicide at the home of his
friend, William Clark Kennedy, of No.
324 West 42nd street, St. Louis, where he
had gone to visit after his wife parted
from him. The young man had been in
deep despondency for several weeks.

According to the despatch Mr. Gould
received from Buffalo, Reid Northrop
went to the Niagara Hotel with his
wife and two children. He was accom-
panied by Mrs. Northrop. The family
was accompanied by Mrs. Northrop.
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Mr. Northrop was in a room by him-
self when he attempted to end his life.
The sound of the pistol shot startled
the occupants of adjoining rooms. After
firing the shot he rushed out of his
room and fell unconscious in the
hallway. Medical aid was summoned
and he was taken to the hospital, where
it was found that the wound was not
dangerous, and that Mr. Northrop
would recover in a short time. The
shock may have had a serious effect
upon Mrs. Northrop.

BIG OUTING FOR IRISHMEN.

Country Men's Association to
Hold Its Annual Festival.
The annual festival of the Country
Men's Association, which is the
largest of its kind in the city, will
be held on Saturday evening at Sullivan's
Hall, 111 West 42nd street. It will
include a variety of entertainment,
including a band concert, a play, and
a variety of other amusements. The
festival is expected to draw a large
crowd of people.

MOTHER AND CHILD BEATEN.

Attacked With Club By Man Who
Took Her Into House.
A woman, who was attacked by a
man who took her into his house, was
beaten with a club. The man was
arrested and is now in custody of
the police. The woman is recovering
from her injuries.

KILLS HIMSELF IN A CEMETERY

Body of Aged Man Found Near
the Matthews Monument in
Greenwood, with Bottle that
Had Contained Carbolic Acid.

LETTERS INDICATE
HE WAS TIRED OF LIFE.

Missives Were Signed in the
Name of Simeon Ackroyd, of
This City—Leaves Insurance
Policy for Benefit of His Family

Policemen Edward Doyle and James
Logan, while walking through Green-
wood cemetery to-day, discovered the
body of an aged man lying face down-
ward in front of the Matthews monu-
ment, on Walnut avenue. Investigation
showed that he had committed suicide
by drinking carbolic acid. This was not
ascertained, however, until the body
was taken to the Fourth street police
station, where the partly empty bottle
that had contained the poison was found
in a pocket in the coat.

Letters found in the pockets of the
dead man would indicate that he was
Simeon Ackroyd, of No. 324 West Twen-
ty-seventh street, where he lived with
a Mrs. Reynolds. There also was a
letter addressed to the man's daughter,
but the police withheld all information
concerning it. Another letter was ad-
dressed to J. A. Killian, care of C. A.
Auffenberg, Grand and Green streets,
New York. This letter indicated that
the old man had been estranged from his
family for many years and that finally
driven to the depths of despondency
over his loneliness he had determined to
commit suicide.

Had His Life Insured.

Ackroyd in his letter requested Mr.
Killian to look after his insurance policy,
which it was collected for the benefit
of his family. A card found in another
pocket showed that the dead man had
been a Master Mason in the Grecian
Lodge of Lawrence, Mass. This card
was dated Sept. 3, 1902. It was found
that the suicide had been born in
England nearly seventy years ago,
but had become a naturalized American.
Mr. Killian when seen at his office to-
day said he had known Mr. Ackroyd
and his late wife for many years. He
said Ackroyd began to lead a reckless
life and soon estranged himself from
family and friends. He lost his business
and squandered most of his fortune.

Failed to Obtain Employment.

He came to New York several days
ago to seek employment in the dry
goods business. He had applied to Mr.
Killian, but as Mr. Killian's partner
feared his habits, he was turned away.
When the old man came to New York
he was accompanied by a young son.
They both went to No. 324 West Twen-
ty-seventh street and the son left two
days ago and has not been seen since.
The father left the house last evening.

SAID HER COOKING DAYS WERE OVER

Letter from Mrs. May D. Ban-
croft to Her Husband, Promi-
nent Brooklyn Druggist, Figures
in Suit for Separation.

Motion for counsel fees and attorney
was made to-day before Justice Her-
rick in the Brooklyn Supreme Court in
the suit for separation brought by Mrs.
May D. Bancroft against her husband,
Oliver F. Bancroft, a wealthy druggist,
of Park place and Nostrand avenue,
Brooklyn.

"Mrs. Bancroft declares her husband
treated her cruelly and finally ejected
her from 'his handsome home,' forcing
her to go out into the street 'scarcely
clad.'"

This assertion is denied by Mr. Ban-
croft, who alleges that his wife alone
ruined him by her extravagance. In
support of his contention he offers the
following extracts from a letter written
to him by his wife shortly after she
left him:

"I love the excitement and the change
of active life. I was satisfied before I
knew any different, but whether I can
go back to the slow life again is a ques-
tion. My cooking days are over. I know
how bad I was as the world would see
it. It is not as if I seem to me, and
love and always will love my company.
I went away of my own inclination. The
other life suits me better."

According to Mr. Bancroft, "the other
life" consists in going to the races every
week and dining with the wealthy
with hilarious men and women. Justice
Herick granted the woman \$150 counsel
fee and \$10 a week attorney.

OUT OF WORK, TRIES SUICIDE

Teamster Shoots Himself and Is
in a Critical Condition.
Andrew Pecka, thirty-four years old,
a teamster out of work, shot himself
in the right ear to-day at his home on
the top floor of the tenement at No. 27
Avenue C, and is in a precarious con-
dition at Bellevue Hospital.
Pecka lived with his wife and a ten-
month-old babe. His wife is ill and
dependent. He depended entirely for
his living on the board paid by two
girls at the house. Pecka this morning
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several houses were ignited. There was
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FRED E. WOOD AND FRANKLIN LEONARD, JR., LIKELY CANDIDATES.



Fred E. Wood, who resigned from the
Assembly for the Twenty-first to ac-
cept Municipal Justice Bennett's ap-
pointment as clerk of the new Twelfth
District Court, is out of the race this
year, and Aldermen Armitage, Ma-
thews, Jones, representing the
Twenty-first and Twenty-second Alder-
manic Districts, both in the Twenty-
first Assembly District, have announced
their retirement from the board.
This leaves Leader Gruber with three

COLER CALLS SUIT A POLITICAL MOVE

Former Comptroller Decries
Stockholders' Attempt to Re-
cover from Him Alleged
Losses of Guardian Trust.

Counsel for the Guardian Trust Com-
pany went before Judge Lacombe, in
the United States Circuit Court to-day,
and asked for the dismissal of the suit
brought by stockholders against Third
Coler, former president of the com-
pany, and several of the directors. Mr.
Coler and his associates are charged
with misusing the funds of the com-
pany.

The former Comptroller characterizes
the suit as a political attack and says
the men behind it are bigger than those
whose names appear in the complaint.
The complaint, he says, is for less
than is instead of 70 per cent. of the
stock, as they allege. After election
there will be nothing more heard of the
charges, according to Mr. Coler.

The stockholders are seeking to re-
gain through the courts money which
they allege was lost to the company
through loans made by Coler and his
associates. The complaint lays the
blame for the loss of the funds of the
Guardian Trust Company.

When the stock of the company was
doubled the complaint alleges that
Coler agreed to take all of the 5,000
shares at \$200 a share. It is charged
that he and his associates took these
shares and deposited them in certain
New York banks as collateral for loans
to the amount of \$200,000, and that about
the same time Coler and his associates
took the same amount of the funds of the
trust company were placed on deposit
in these banks with the secret agree-
ment that it was to remain until the
loans were made good.

Interest Not Sufficient.

The banks paid for these deposits at
a rate of 2 per cent, while in the same
time the money market at that time from
5 to 20 per cent. could have been realized.
The estimated loss to the com-
plaint, according to the complaint, was
\$20,000.

The complaint alleges that Coler made
false representations of his financial
strength and his ability to take up the
\$1,000,000 in new stock and rally strong
financial interests to the support of the
trust company. It was upon these re-
presentations, it is said, that Coler was
elected president. It is charged that
Coler and his associates used the funds of
the trust company to the support of the
stock and to gain control of the com-
pany and manage it for the profit of
himself and his associates.

The complaint states that Ernest C.
Brown, formerly Vice-President, and
other directors, including the former gen-
eral counsel for the company, learned of
these loans and made a protest which
resulted in the banks requiring Coler to
take up the loans on Dec. 24, 1902. Then,
it is alleged, that an underwriting syndi-
cate of himself and Directors Jones,
Balkam, Fairchild, Levy, Nisbet and
others, Coler would call the syndicate
agor and was empowered to deal in the
stock of the Trust Company without
consulting his associates in the syndi-
cate.

Loan on Shares Again.

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CITY CONVENTION OF REPUBLICANS

Resolution Orders an Adjourn-
ment Until This Evening Out
of Respect to the Late Fred-
erick S. Gibbs.

CHAIR DRAPED IN MOURNING.

Jerome-Fulton-Cutting Letters Come
In for Considerable Discussion
Among the Delegates—Louis Stern
Is Chosen as Temporary Chairman

The Republican City Convention in
Grand Central Palace was called to or-
der at 12:40 o'clock by Gerard B. Van
Wart, Chairman of the Republican
City Committee.

There were not a hundred persons in
the convention hall when the noon hour
arrived. A brass band in the orchestra
directly over the platform played patri-
otic airs industriously while the dele-
gates struggled in.

F. S. Gibbs's Chair Draped.

On the centre aisle, at the sixth row,
the seat which had been occupied for
years by Frederick S. Gibbs at the head
of the delegation from the Ninth Man-
hattan, was draped in black and purple.
His usual occupant having passed over
to the majority since the primaries.
Somewhat the sight of that vacant
chair in mourning for the dead leader
gave a sadness to the scene of empty
benches which was not dissipated by the
first piece played by Director Bent, "I
never knew I loved you till you'd gone."

Some First Arrivals.

"Charlie" Murray was the first of the
"big ones" to appear in the hall, and
perhaps Col. Abe Gruber, who came
and enjoyed the sunlight. She went to
the funeral of a woman she had known in
girlhood. She rode out to the cemetery
and saw the body of her friend lowered
into the grave. The quiet and beauty
of the great enclosure of the dead ap-
pealed to her. On her way home she
bought a bottle of carbolic acid.

Crime to Be Ironed Out.

Jerome's letters to Thomas A. Fulton,
of the Citizens' Union, and Fulton's
letters to Jerome, which were made
public this morning, were the principal
topics of conversation with the dele-
gates. As he walked up the stairs to
the hall.

"We think Jerome should have saved
his wind," called out one of the dele-
gates. "He has thrown a bomb into
some one, and we are here to iron it
out."

Mr. Stern's Speech.

In his address Temporary Chairman
Louis Stern reviewed the work done by
the reform administration in a general
way. He said in part:

"We must to resolve ourselves into a
committee of public safety. Within the
limits of the day candidates, who I am
sure you will find worthy, will be ac-
cording just praise, the integrity of their
character tested by deeds they have ac-
complished, and our expression of civic
faith crystallized in the phrases of con-
science resolutions."

A resolution providing for the ad-
journment of the convention until 8
o'clock to-night, with respect to the
memory of Frederick Seymour Gibbs
was unanimously adopted.

CHARLES L. GUY RESIGNS.

Former Senator Charles L. Guy ten-
dered to Mayor Low this morning his
resignation as a member of the Board
of Education to take effect to-morrow.

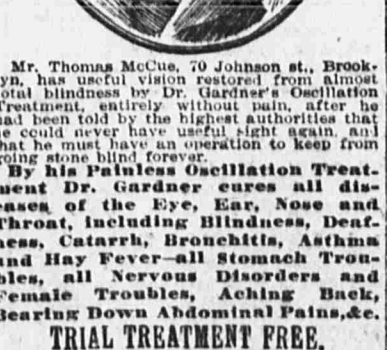
Senator Guy's reason for resigning is
pressing professional engagements. Mr.
Guy is a member of the law firm of
Lexow, McCue, Guy & Wells, and is
now a member of Tammany Hall. He
was formerly one of the late Henry D.
Furphy's staunch supporters.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

The body of Charles Weeber, of No.
139 West Ninetieth street, was found in
the East River at One Hundred and
Sixteenth street to-day, and was re-
moved to the Morgue.

TEST IT FREE.

Every Sufferer Applying in Person
at Dr. Gardner's Office Will Be
Given a Thorough Examination,
Correct Diagnosis and One Trial
Treatment by Oscillation Entirely
Free.



Mr. Thomas McCue, 700 Johnson st., Brook-
lyn, has useful vision restored from almost
total blindness by Dr. Gardner's Oscillation
Treatment, entirely without pain, after he
had been told by the highest authorities that
he could never see again. He is now able
to see and has an operation to keep from
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eases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and
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ness, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma
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bles, all Nervous Disorders, and
Female Troubles, Aching Back,
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trial treatment entirely FREE.

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Illustrated Pamphlet Mailed Free.
X-ray examination when neces-
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OFFICE, 435 5TH AVE., N. Y.
Between 35th and 36th sts.

DIES TO LIGHTEN HER SON'S BURDEN

Aged Woman Drinks Carbolic
Acid on Roof of Flat-House,
Thinking She Is Needless Ex-
pense to Her Son.

An old woman died by her own hand
to-day, that others beloved by her might
live more comfortably. Her name was
Christina Oesterle, and she had seen
seventy-six years of life. A band of
crops suspended alongside the door of
the flat-house at No. 109 West One Hun-
dred and Sixth street marks the scene
of her act of self-sacrifice.

She lived there in apartments on the
top floor with her son George, his wife
and two children. George Oesterle is an
"L" guard and his health has not been
good. Of late he has lost many days
and the finances of the family ran to a
low ebb.

The observant little grandmother knew
what was going on. She had lived with
her son for years, and she had known
times when his condition was more com-
fortable. Seated in her big chair in a
corner of the kitchen she revolved
mathematical problems in her mind.

"If I had died ten years ago," she
mused, "the strength left my
body and I became a useless burden,
my son would have had more to save
up against a rainy day. It costs him
more than he can afford to keep me
now."

"With me out of the way, the little
ones would fare better, and his wife
would be able to spend more money
upon herself. If I could work it would
not be so bad. It is time I died."

She went to a funeral yesterday, the
funeral of a woman she had known in
girlhood. She rode out to the cemetery
and saw the body of her friend lowered
into the grave. The quiet and beauty
of the great enclosure of the dead ap-
pealed to her. On her way home she
bought a bottle of carbolic acid.

SCOTT CHARGED WITH THEFT

Young Cashier for London Assur-
ance Company Arraigned.
On the specific charge of embezzling
a check for \$254.50 John A. Scott, thirty-
three years old, former Cashier of the
London Assurance Corporation, of No.
4 Pine street, was arraigned before
Magistrate Mayo in the Tombs Court
to-day and held for trial in \$5,000 bail.

Scott's shortage, the police say, will
probably reach \$5,000. Charles L. Case,
manager of the company, who caused
Scott's arrest, admits that the young
man is short \$5,000. The investigation
of the expert accountants has progressed.

Senator Scott Sitting Up.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 23.—Sen-
ator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia,
sat up an hour yesterday for the first
time since he was taken ill. The physi-
cians believe he will be able to be out
within a week.

EXPIRATION OF LEASE. Great Removal Sale.

THE ENTIRE STOCK

Over \$100,000 in Merchandise, Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes
must be sold regardless of cost. No reserve. Fixtures and valuable show
cases for sale.

Sale Commences Thursday, Sept. 24, 8 A. M.

Men's Winter Suits.		Men's Overcoats.		Gents' Furnishings.	
Men's Winter Suits, all-wool fancy mixtures and black thibet, made to sell for \$15.00 and	7.50	Men's Fall Overcoats, Oxford and tan, made to sell for \$10.00	5.00	Underwear Ribbed Balbrigan and fleece lined, medium and winter weight; \$1.00 grade	45c
Men's Winter Suits, worsted, fancy stripe plaid, black and Oxford melton, black and gray English clay, satin lined, made to sell for \$20.00 and \$25.00	10.00	Men's Fall Overcoats, black, tan and Oxford, satin lined, made to sell for \$15.00 and \$18.00	7.50	Silk fleece-lined and natural wool Shirts and Drawers; \$2.00 and \$2.50 grade	98c
Men's Winter Suits, all made from imported French and English fabrics, high-class tailored, hand-felled collars, all this season's goods, richly lined with silk and	12.50	Men's Fall Overcoats, this season's up-to-date box, imported vicuña, melton, English covert, whipcord, full satin lined, made to sell for \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00	10.00	Sanitary wool fall weight, German manufacture; shirts and drawers; \$2.00 grade	98c
satin, black, blue, Oxford, gray, plaid and stripe and fancy silk and wool, made to sell for \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00	15.00	Men's Winter Overcoats.		Jersey ribbed, natural wool, winter weight; \$1.50 grade	69c
Men's Prince Albert Coat and Vests, made from imported French vicuña, full satin lined, made to sell for \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00	15.00	Men's all-wool Frieze and Melton Overcoats, in black and Oxford, good linings, made to sell for \$15.00	7.50	Full dress White Shirts, Irish linen bosom, equal to custom made, 13 1/2 to 18 size; \$1.25 grade	69c
				Imported French Lisle Thread Half Hose, in black, tan and gray; 60c grade	17c
Summer Suits.				Hat Department.	
Men's Blue Serge Suits, the balance of stock, all up to date this season, made and to sell for \$10.00, \$15.00 and \$20, some satin lined	5.00	Men's Winter Overcoats in black, gray and Oxford, beaver, melton and vicuña, extra long, full satin lined, made to sell for \$20.00 and \$25.00	10.00	The entire stock of new fall Hats, Derby and Alpine, black and new tints, \$2.00 and \$3.00 grade, go at	1.00 and 1.50
Flannel Suits, must be sold; all made to sell for	7.50	Men's Winter Overcoats, all made from imported cloths, black and new gray Oxford, full satin lined, made to sell for \$30.00 and \$35.00	15.00	Shoe Department.	
\$7.50 \$10.00 \$12.50		All-Wool and Worsted Trousers, fancy plaid and stripe; also black and blue, made to sell for		The entire new stock of fall Shoes, guaranteed patent leather, wild kid, box calf, enamel ball and button, all hand sewed, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00 grade, go at	1.95 and 2.40
3.00 4.00 5.00		\$2.00 \$3.00 \$4.00 \$6.00		300 pairs Summer Oxford Ties, tan and black, size 5 to 11, white A to E, \$3.50 and \$5.00 grade, all go at, per pair	2.95 and 1.75
Boys' Winter Suits, size 7 to 15 years, made to sell for		1.00 1.50 2.00 3.00			
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OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL 10 P. M.					